

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Title: Wise People Pursue The Goal

Text: Matthew 2:1 - 12

Introduction:

- > “wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,”
Where we are not told in detail where they came from; if we suggest that these individuals had come from the ancient empire of Babylon their journey would have been about 900 miles (1,443 km).
- > This required: planning, expense, effort, time...
- > Difference between a GOAL and a DESIRE.
- > Setting Goals or Desires:
Out of 100 people: 23 do not know what they want, 67 do not know how to get it, 10 know what they want and how to get it, but 8 are not willing to pay the price.
- > Tips On Reaching Your Goal: 1) Be clear about what you want; 2) Research how to get it; 3) Through mentoring develop the discipline to arrive.

Consider The Wise Men Who Came To Jesus:

1.1) Wise people set their PRIORITIES!

Matthew 2:1 - 2

> Matthew 6:33

> Matthew 7:7 - 8

> James 4:7 - 8

> *“The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand but in what direction we are moving.”*

Oliver Wendell Holmes

1.2) Wise people are prepared to pay the PRICE!

Matthew 2:3 - 8

> Matthew 16:24 - 25

1.3) Wise people always PERSEVERE!

Matthew 2:9

> Luke 9:62

> “Success is not only our destination but the obstacles you overcome to get there.” Booker T. Washington

1.4) Wise people experience the joy of the PRIZE!

Matthew 2:11

> John 12:20 - 21

> Campbell Morgan quote

1.5) Wise people, on reaching their goal, give the PRAISE to the Lord Jesus Christ.

> 2 Corinthians 10:17

Conclusion:

From our home to yours, our prayer is that the LORD JESUS CHRIST would be your supreme goal for this Christmas, for 2020 and always.

Knowing that HIS desire for you is that you would enter into a more intimate relationship with HIM.